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### **BOARD OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY EXAMINERS** **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES** **MAY 14, 2015**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

This scheduled meeting of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners was called to Order by Board Chair Ben Beitin at 9:51 a.m., in the Hudson Room, 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Ben K. Beitin, LMFT, *Board Chair* (arrived 9:47)  
Jose Perez, *Vice Chair*  
Edward Reading, LCADC, *Board Member (Alcohol & Drug Committee Liaison)*  
Lorraine M. Barry, LMFT, *Board Member*  
Michelle Weinberg, LMFT, *Board Member*

##### **Absent:**

Ketrin Saud Maxwell, *Board Member (Professional Counselor Committee Liaison)*  
Alyson Smith, *Board Member*  
Eileen Thornton, *Public Member*  
Mia Sena, *Public Member*  
Johanna Klena, LCSW, *Board Member*

##### **Also in attendance:**

Shirley Dickstein, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Milagros B. Collazo, *Executive Director*  
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, *Government Representative*  
Celeste Paige, *Administrative Assistant*

##### **Announcement of Quorum**

*Board Chair Ben Beitin announced the presence of quorum at 9:51 a.m.*

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and the Courier Post. Adequate notice of this meeting was also posted on the Board's web page.

### **III. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2015 PUBLIC MINUTES**

*Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board voted to approve the April 9, 2015 public minutes as amended.*

*Voting in favor: all.*

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*The following members of the public attended the meeting:*

#### **A. Miles Burklow, AAMFT-Legislative Representative**

### **V. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY**

#### **A. Assembly Bill - 4353 - Music Therapy Licensing Act**

Executive Director, Michael Walker discussed comments on the bill.

*Upon motion made by Edward Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to not support this bill as listed. Voting in favor: all.*

- It should not be an independent license. It is an adjunctive therapy, which falls under other mental health licenses
- It is ambiguous as to what a recognized program is (page 5, line 12)
- There needs to be a specific training program

#### **B. Senate Bill - 2372**

*The Board accepted this as informational.*

### **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

- Executive Director Collazo presented the Licensing Activity Report for Board review. There are currently 567 total active Marriage and Family Therapy licenses, 173 applications pending and 13 reinstatements pending.

\* Applications in pending include applications pending final Board review/ approval, incomplete applications, applications waiting on exam results, and applications that have been abandoned.

There are currently 2,530 total active licenses for Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LCADC & CADC), 1,093 applications pending and 15 reinstatements.

There are currently 4,947 total active licenses for Professional Counselors (LAC, LPC, LRC), 1,454 applications pending and 38 reinstatements.

### **VII. AAMFT/NJAMFT MATTERS**

*Nothing to Report*

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. MFT Regulations Sub Committee**

- Has completed their first review of updated regulations.
- MFT Board requested the Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) Committee to go to Seton Hall University to speak about licensure. A request for approval and a copy of the itinerary will be submitted.

### **B. Alcohol and Drug Sub Committee**

- Has meeting scheduled after MFT board meeting ends to discuss and review regulations revisions
- Ed Reading attended an Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network (ATTC) workshop on remote therapy and remote supervision.

### **C. PC Regulations Sub Committee**

- Completed its initial review of updated regulations.  
*Draft of suggested changes to be presented to the Committee at a later date*

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

*Nothing to report.*

## **XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **June 11, 2015** at 9:30 a.m., Hudson Conference Room, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

### **2015 Meeting Dates:**

	September 10, 2015
June 11, 2015	October 8, 2015
July 9, 2015	November 12, 2015
August - meeting cancelled	December 10, 2015

## **XII. APPLICATION REVIEW**

*Upon motion by Ed Reading, seconded by Lorraine Barry, the Board members voted to approve the recommendations below. Voting in favor: all.*

### **A. 3 YEAR TEMPORARY PERMIT**

1. Jeffrey Beck

### **B. SUPERVISION REPORTS**

1. Megan Coral
2. Chanan Davis

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon a motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board voted to move to Executive Session at 10:46 a.m. Voting in favor: all.*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

*Upon motion made by Ed Reading, and seconded by Jose Perez, the Board members present returned to Public Session and voted to adjourned the public meeting at 12:41 p.m. Voting in favor: all.*